

## CHAPTER VIII.

## AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE SALEM FIRE COMPANY.

- Enrollment authorized. SECTION 1. *The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:* That the male citizens of the Town of Salem are hereby authorized to form and enroll themselves into a Fire Engine Company; *Provided,* The members of said Company shall not exceed seventy-five.
- Proviso. SEC. 2. That the persons who are now, and who shall hereafter be enrolled as members of the Salem Fire Engine Company, shall serve for the term of five years from the time of their enrollment, except in case of removal out of Town.
- Term of service. SEC. 3. That the Company shall elect a Captain and one or two Lieutenants, and such other officers that may be required for its proper government and effectual services in working the engine, hose, buckets and other apparatus.
- Officers. SEC. 4. That it shall be the duty of the Captain of the Company, in order to render them prompt and efficient in case of fire to train them at least four times a year, and not less than two hours each time, in working the engine in Company by platoons or sections, and in using the other apparatus, subject to such fine as the military are subject to for non-attendance [at musters ; but to the same excuse to be laid before the Captain and Lieutenants as a Board, to be adjudged of by them, subject, nevertheless, to the right of appeal as hereinafter provided.
- Duty of Captain to train Company. SEC. 5. That it shall be the duty of the Captain of the Company to cause to be taken care of and preserve, in the house to be prepared by the town authorities, the engine, ladders, buckets, hose and other apparatus thereunto belonging; and when any repairs thereof be deemed necessary by a majority of the officers of the Company, the Captain shall cause the same to be done, the expenses of such repairs shall be paid by the Town Treas-
- \* Captain to take care of engine, &c.

urer or Wardens, on the draft of the Captain of the Company, which draft, when paid, shall be considered a good and sufficient voucher in the settlement of the public accounts by the constituted authorities of the Town.

SEC. 6. That the constituted authorities of the Town shall divide the same into suitable sections or wards, and shall, from time to time appoint a number of persons corresponding with the number of Wards, to act as fire wardens, whose duty it shall be from time to time to inspect their respective wards, either singly or in company, and take notice and advise the respective citizens of any danger that may be perceptible in chimneys, fire-places, &c., &c., and likewise make the report to the proper authorities, and that they meet occasionally and consult together.

What required of authorities.

SEC. 7. That in case of fire the Captain shall consult with one or more of the fire wardens as to the proper mode of staying the progress and extinguishing the fire, and when they shall deem it expedient for stopping the further progress of the fire, to order any house or houses to be pulled down, blown up, or otherwise destroyed, they are hereby authorized to do the same and they shall not be responsible.

In case of fire.

SEC. 8. That for raising a fund for procuring or replacing engine, hose, buckets, ladders, hooks, and other apparatus, the constituted authorities of the Town are hereby authorized, if they deem it necessary to lay a suitable tax, to be collected and accounted for as other Town taxes.

Power to lay tax, &c.

SEC. 9. That a majority of the members of said Company shall have power and authority to make such laws, rules and regulations, and pass such by laws for their government as to them may seem best, not inconsistent with the Constitution of the United States or of this State, or inconsistent with the rules and regulations of the Town, and that all fines and penalties incurred by virtue of this act, or by any by-law, shall be recoverable before any Justice of the Peace, in the name of the Captain of the Company; *Provided nevertheless*, That the right of appeal shall be preserved to either party as is now by law established in trials before a

Rules, &c.

Justice of the Peace, and the fines and penalties thus obtained and recovered, shall form a fund to pay incidental expenses of the Company, and the balance shall be applied in aid of expenditures in relation to the object of the concern generally.

SEC. 10. This act shall be in force from and after its passage.

Ratified December 21st, A. D. 1868.

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## CHAPTER IX.

AN ACT TO AMEND AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT FOR THE RELIEF OF P. T. MASSEY, CLERK SUPERIOR COURT, COUNTY OF JOHNSTON, AND E. G. HILL, SHERIFF COUNTY OF JOHNSTON.

Amended.

SECTION 1. *The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact*, That section first of said act is amended by striking out the words "Clerk Superior Court," and insert "late Clerk County Court,"

Judgment re-  
mitted.

SEC. 2. That the said P. T. Massey, late Clerk County Court of Johnston County is relieved of the judgment granted against him for delinquency in returning lists of untaxable property in the year 1868, as required by law, and is entitled to all fees and commissions as though no judgment had been granted.

SEC. 3. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified the 7th day of January, A. D. 1869.